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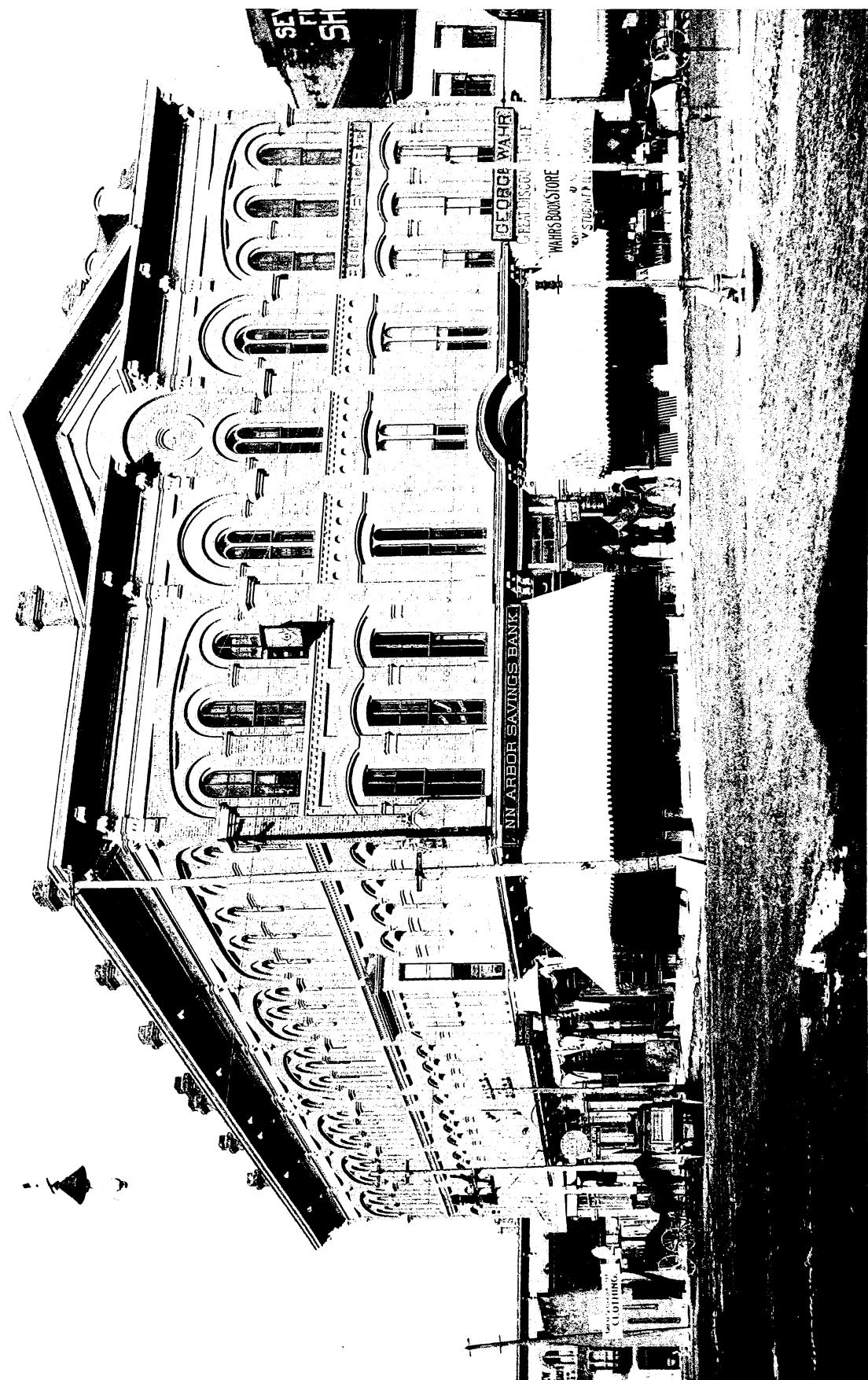
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# WASHTENAW COUNTY

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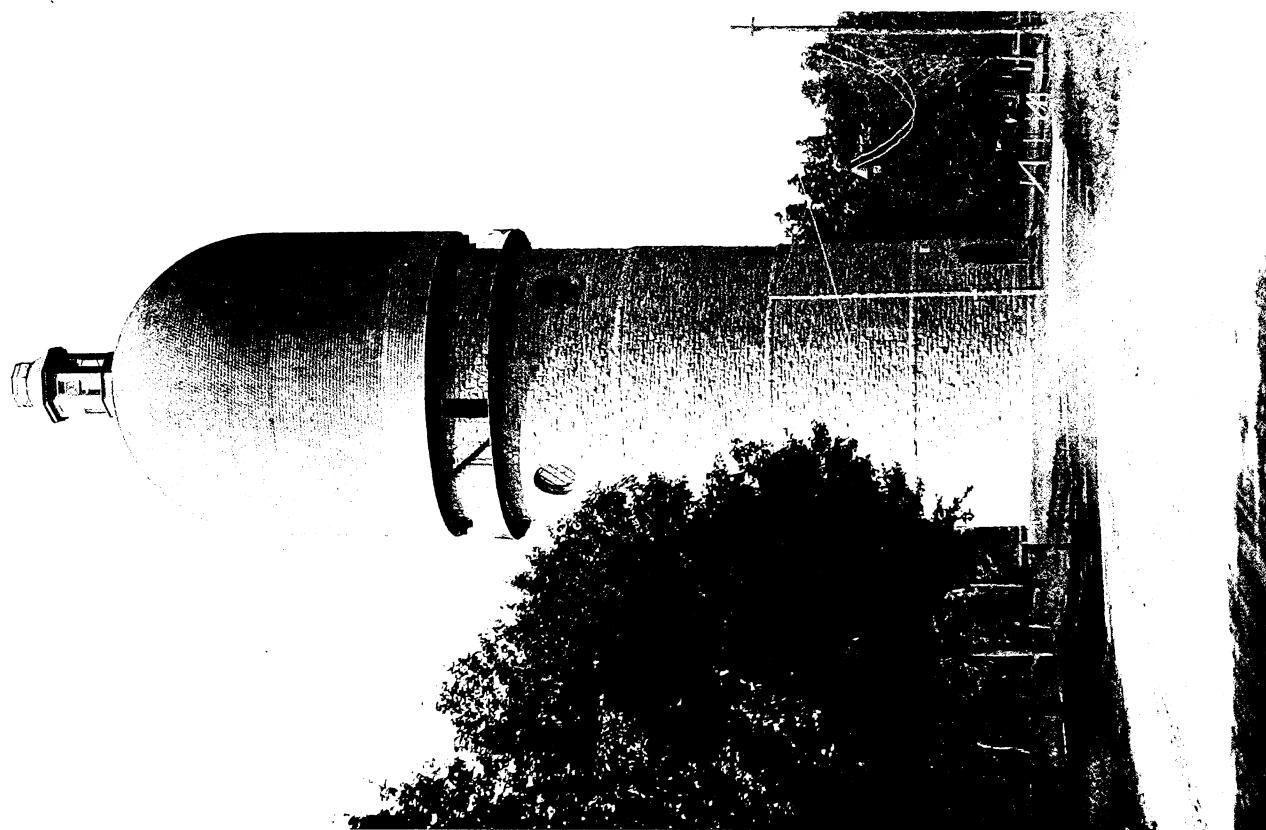
MASONIC BLOCK—ANN ARBOR.



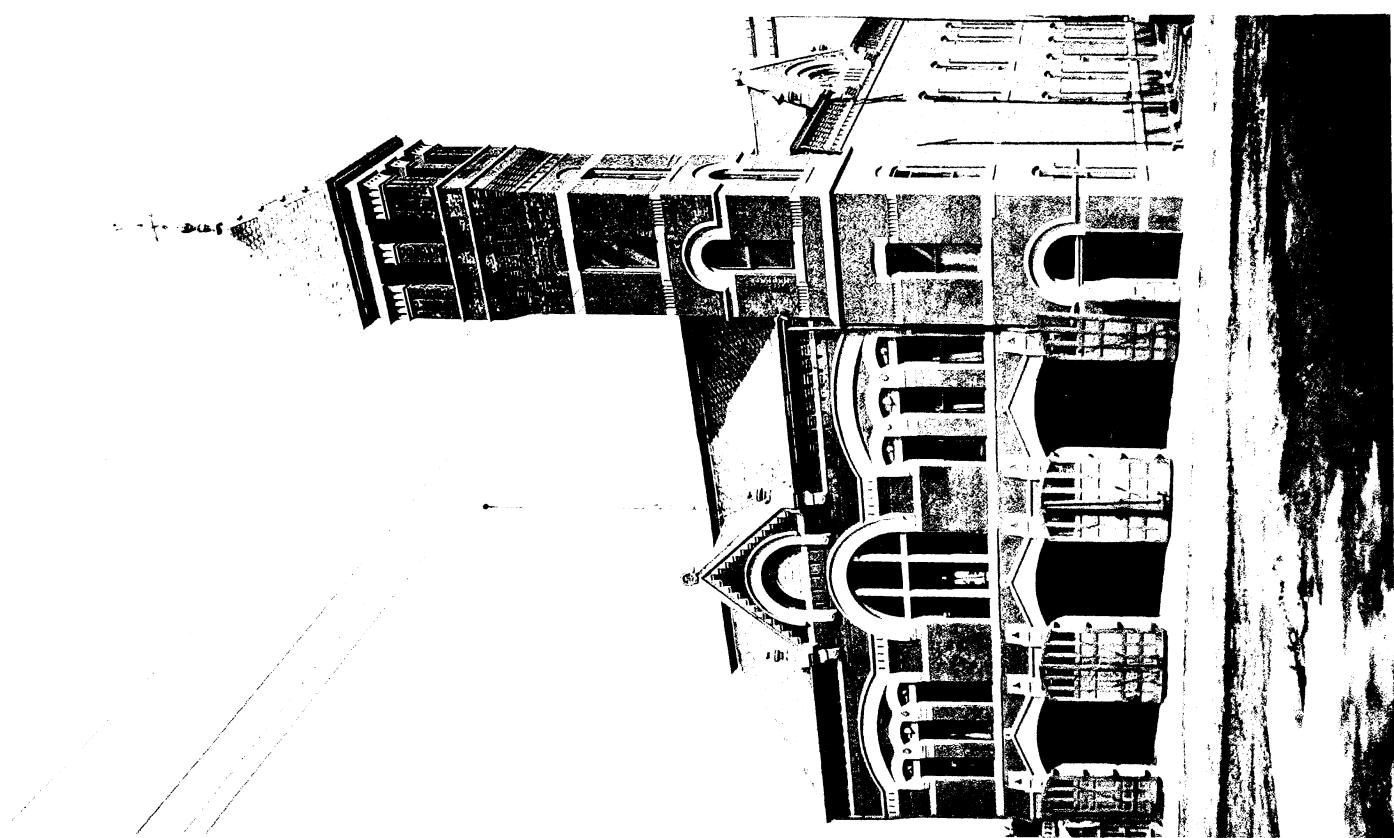


EXCHANGE PLACE—MANCHESTER.





WATER WORKS STAND PIPE—YONKTON.



ENGINE HOUSE—ANN ARBOR.





ANN ARBOR HIGH SCHOOL.





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explorers were Frenchmen, but the permanent settlers were principally men with English blood coursing in their veins and very few of the older families are of French descent, as they are in the adjoining county of Wayne.

The earlier settlers came overland from Detroit by Indian trails and felled the trees which obstructed their way. In 1825 the first highway, the Detroit and Chicago road, was surveyed through to Ypsilanti, and for several years the early settlers had to go to Detroit, a journey of thirty or forty miles, for their flour and meal, taking four or five days to make the trip.

The first settlement in the county was made at Woodruff's grove, near the city of Ypsilanti by Major Benjamin J. Woodruff, who came from Ohio by way of Monroe, where he met some former neighbors, fishermen, who had explored the waters of the country, who advised him to settle near Godfrey's trading post, on what was known as the Pottawatomie trail. Instead of settling in what became Ypsilanti, he strove to start the city of Woodruff's Grove, and it was not until a highway had been surveyed which left him out in the cold, that he gave way and removed to what is now the flourishing city of Ypsilanti. He had, however, the honor of building the first house, of being the first postmaster, the first justice, the first sheriff and the first mill-builder in the county. His wife came July 6, 1823, and on the 4th of July, 1824, a grand celebration was held at Woodruff's Grove, participated in by the entire population of the county, twenty-eight in number. At this celebration was the youngest inhabitant, Alpha Washtenaw Bryant, son of John Bryant, who was born at Woodruff's Grove, October 23, 1823, and being the first born in the county, was named by Allen and Rumsey, the founders of Ann Arbor. Thus friendly were the early relations between the rival towns of Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor. Among the settlers who came with Woodruff or about the same time were Robert Stitt, John Bryant, Daniel Cross, Leonard Miller, John Barney, George Hall and John Stewart. The two latter settled inside what are now the city limits of Ypsilanti.

Ypsilanti was named about the year 1825, after the then famous Greek patriot and general, Demetrius Ypsilanti. It owes its name to the firmness of the eccentric old Judge Woodward, who strongly opposed the name Waterville wanted by some of the early settlers. It soon surpassed Woodruff's Grove and became early a trading point for the pioneers who were scattered through the woods. It is one of the prettiest cities in Michigan and has become quite a manufacturing as well as an educational center. The Huron is nowhere more beautiful than





